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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Tobias Wagner

Title: ENCLOSED MOTOR VEHICLE, IN PARTICULAR, A VAN,
STATIONWAGON OR SUV

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references have been discussed in the introductory part of the application. The references do not disclose that, in a motor vehicle with an upright rear end, such as a station wagon, a van or an SUV, having a rear loading space with a roof extending over the rear loading space to the upright rear end of the vehicle and a loading opening at the rear end extending from the vehicle floor up to the vehicle roof, the roof includes a rear roof part with a pivotal support at the front end thereof so that it can be tilted upwardly to facilitate access to the loading space and a drive mechanism is provided for operating the rear roof part including releasable coupling means permitting uncoupling of the rear roof

part from the pivotal support for transferring the rear roof part into an upright position in the interior of the vehicle.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K. Bach', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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